

Executive Summary

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1 Introduction

We at PRIDE Surveys have reviewed the education legislation, No Child Left Behind (NCLB), and attended meetings in Washington, D.C., with USDOE for briefings on the legislation. This summary and the complete report on your CD-ROM are intended to assist you in meeting the requirements of NCLB.

Under the NCLB, schools are required to establish a Uniform Management and Information Reporting System. The collected data, from *anonymous student surveys*, shall include:

"...the incidence and prevalence, age of onset, perception of social disapproval of drug use and violence by youth in schools and communities".

The graphs and tables in this summary are compiled from data collected in your school(s) using the ***Pride Surveys Questionnaire for Grades 6-12***. These graphs and tables cover the areas typically of most interest for school systems. The areas covered are demographics, prevalence of use, perception of risk, students' perception of parental and peer disapproval, age of first use, violence indicators, where and when students use drugs, school and community safety, and risk and protective factors. The drugs covered in this summary are *any tobacco* use, *any alcohol* use, and *any marijuana* use during the past year. Marijuana is typically used as a measure of illicit drug use as it is by far the most commonly used of the illicit drugs.

This summary and the accompanying CD-ROM (full report) will assist you in meeting the requirements of NCLB and requirements from agencies that have similar requirements in assessment and evaluation.

NOTE: THIS IS ONLY A BRIEF SUMMARY OF YOUR RESULTS. YOUR FULL AND COMPLETE REPORT CAN BE FOUND ON YOUR CD-ROM.

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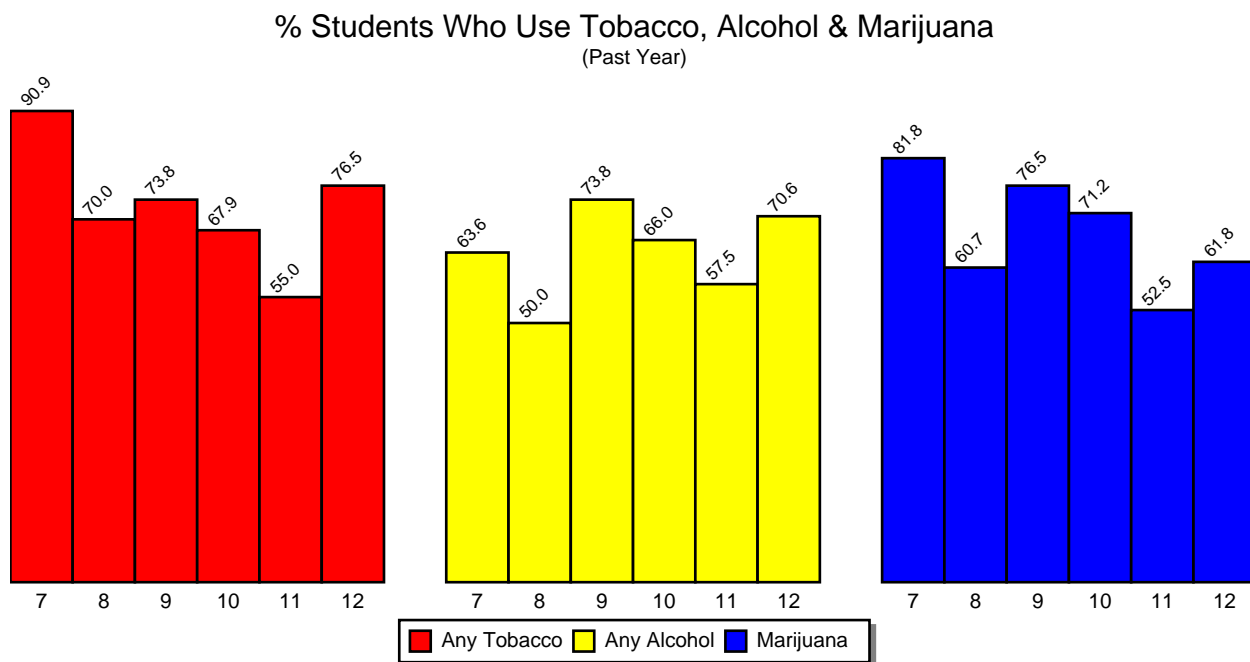
2 Demographics

Total number of students surveyed: **273**

- Number of 7th grade students surveyed: **11 (4.0%)**
- Number of 8th grade students surveyed: **30 (11.0%)**
- Number of 9th grade students surveyed: **105 (38.5%)**
- Number of 10th grade students surveyed: **53 (19.4%)**
- Number of 11th grade students surveyed: **40 (14.7%)**
- Number of 12th grade students surveyed: **34 (12.5%)**

3 Prevalence of Drug Use

NOTE: For tables, *N of Valid* is the number of students who answered the question and *N of Missing* is the number of students who did not answer the question.



Source: Pride Surveys

Table 1: Frequency of Use – Any **Tobacco**?

Grade Level	N of Valid	N of Miss	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Annual
7th	11	0	81.8	90.9	90.9	90.9
8th	30	0	43.3	56.7	60.0	70.0
9th	103	2	54.4	65.0	68.9	73.8
10th	53	0	45.3	56.6	62.3	67.9
11th	40	0	40.0	47.5	50.0	55.0
12th	34	0	58.8	70.6	76.5	76.5
6-8	41	0	53.7	65.9	68.3	75.6
9-12	230	2	50.4	60.9	65.2	69.6
Total	271	2	50.9	61.6	65.7	70.5

Table 2: Frequency of Use – Any **Alcohol**?

Grade Level	N of Valid	N of Miss	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Annual
7th	11	0	27.3	63.6	63.6	63.6
8th	30	0	16.7	33.3	43.3	50.0
9th	103	2	18.4	52.4	63.1	73.8
10th	53	0	11.3	41.5	58.5	66.0
11th	40	0	15.0	45.0	52.5	57.5
12th	34	0	20.6	47.1	61.8	70.6
6-8	41	0	19.5	41.5	48.8	53.7
9-12	230	2	16.5	47.8	60.0	68.7
Total	271	2	17.0	46.9	58.3	66.4

Table 3: Frequency of Use – Any **Marijuana**?

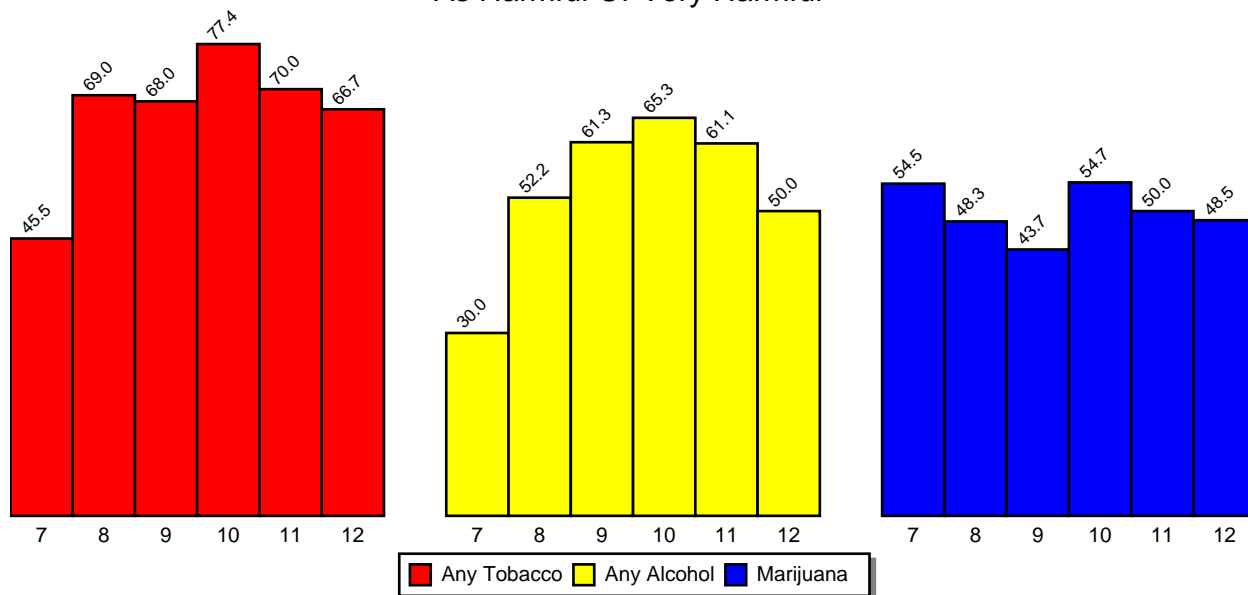
Grade Level	N of Valid	N of Miss	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Annual
7th	11	0	63.6	63.6	72.7	81.8
8th	28	2	35.7	39.3	50.0	60.7
9th	102	3	52.0	65.7	69.6	76.5
10th	52	1	42.3	53.8	59.6	71.2
11th	40	0	32.5	37.5	37.5	52.5
12th	34	0	41.2	44.1	50.0	61.8
6-8	39	2	43.6	46.2	56.4	66.7
9-12	228	4	44.7	54.8	58.8	68.9
Total	267	6	44.6	53.6	58.4	68.5

4 Students' Perception of Risk

Students are asked about their perception of risk of any use of various drugs with the possible responses being *No Harm*, *Some Harm*, *Harmful* or *Very Harmful*. Past analysis of national statistics indicates that as students' perception

of risk increases, use of substances decreases. It is also typical for the perception of risk (*Harmful* or *Very Harmful*) to decrease as a child gets older. (*Note: In order to comply with federal guidelines an additional question was added to the questionnaire regarding use of alcohol on a regular basis. Responses to this questions are analogous with the other harm questions and include No Risk, Slight Risk, Moderate Risk and Great Risk. Harm questions regarding alcohol are based on the new question and report the percentage of students who regard regular alcohol use as Moderate Risk or Great Risk.* Your students' responses are detailed in the following tables.

% Students Who Perceive Tobacco, Alcohol & Marijuana
As Harmful Or Very Harmful*



*Alcohol responses are Moderate Risk or Great Risk. Source: Pride Surveys

Table 4: Students' Perception of Risk of **Tobacco**

Grade Level	N of Valid	N of Miss	Harmful or Very Harmful
7th	11	0	45.5
8th	29	1	69.0
9th	103	2	68.0
10th	53	0	77.4
11th	40	0	70.0
12th	33	1	66.7
6-8	40	1	62.5
9-12	229	3	70.3
Total	269	4	69.1

Table 5: Students' Perception of Risk of **Alcohol**

Grade Level	N of Valid	N of Miss	Moderate or Great Risk
7th	10	1	30.0
8th	23	7	52.2
9th	93	12	61.3
10th	49	4	65.3
11th	36	4	61.1
12th	32	2	50.0
6-8	33	8	45.5
9-12	210	22	60.5
Total	243	30	58.4

Table 6: Students' Perception of Risk of **Marijuana**

Grade Level	N of Valid	N of Miss	Harmful or Very Harmful
7th	11	0	54.5
8th	29	1	48.3
9th	103	2	43.7
10th	53	0	54.7
11th	40	0	50.0
12th	33	1	48.5
6-8	40	1	50.0
9-12	229	3	48.0
Total	269	4	48.3

5 Students' Perception of Disapproval

Past analysis of national statistics indicates that the majority of students tend to perceive parents as feeling it is *Wrong* or *Very Wrong* for students to use tobacco, alcohol and marijuana for all grade levels. Your students' responses are detailed in the following tables.

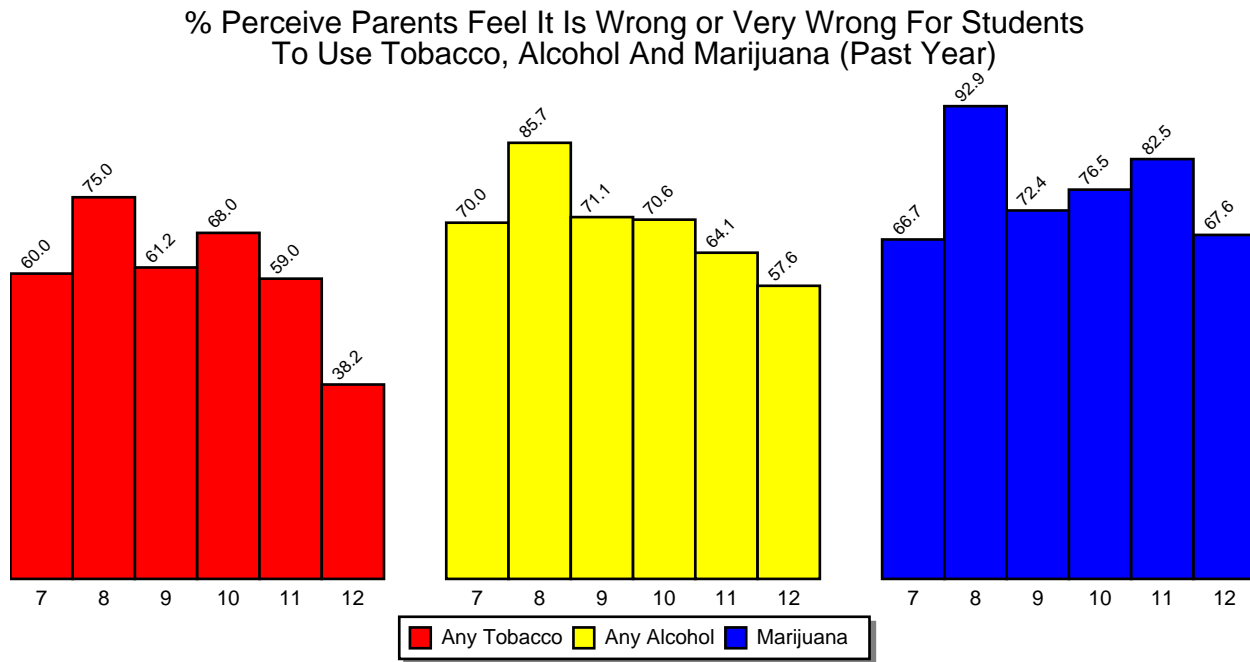


Table 7: Students' Perception Of **Parents'** Disapproval Of Use of **Tobacco**

Grade Level	N of Valid	N of Miss	Wrong or Very Wrong
7th	10	1	60.0
8th	28	2	75.0
9th	98	7	61.2
10th	50	3	68.0
11th	39	1	59.0
12th	34	0	38.2
6-8	38	3	71.1
9-12	221	11	58.8
Total	259	14	60.6

Table 8: Students' Perception Of **Parents'** Disapproval Of Use of **Alcohol**

Grade Level	N of Valid	N of Miss	Wrong or Very Wrong
7th	10	1	70.0
8th	28	2	85.7
9th	97	8	71.1
10th	51	2	70.6
11th	39	1	64.1
12th	33	1	57.6
6-8	38	3	81.6
9-12	220	12	67.7
Total	258	15	69.8

Table 9: Students' Perception Of **Parents'** Disapproval Of Use of **Marijuana**

Grade Level	N of Valid	N of Miss	Wrong or Very Wrong
7th	9	2	66.7
8th	28	2	92.9
9th	98	7	72.4
10th	51	2	76.5
11th	40	0	82.5
12th	34	0	67.6
6-8	37	4	86.5
9-12	223	9	74.4
Total	260	13	76.2

Typically, students perceive a decreasing amount of disapproval from their friends as they grow older. This is helpful in understanding peer pressure. The following tables detail your students' responses to their friends' disapproval.

% Perceive Friends Feel It Is Wrong or Very Wrong For Students To Use Tobacco, Alcohol And Marijuana (Past Year)

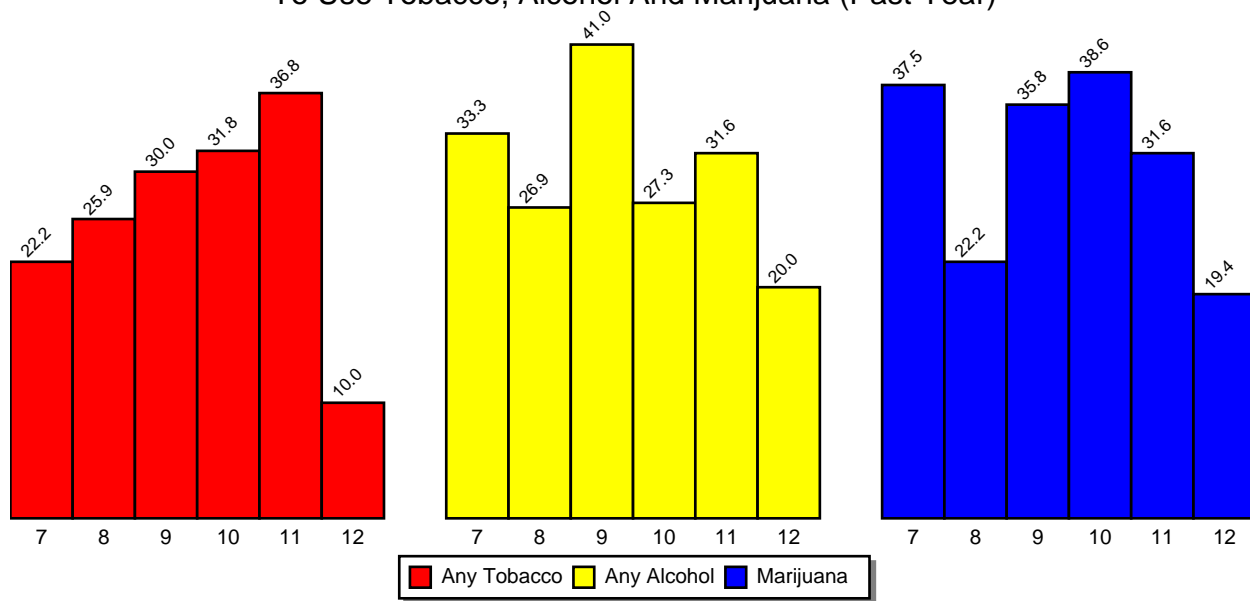


Table 10: Students' Perception of **Friends'** Disapproval of Use of **Tobacco**

Grade Level	N of Valid	N of Miss	Wrong or Very Wrong
7th	9	2	22.2
8th	27	3	25.9
9th	80	25	30.0
10th	44	9	31.8
11th	38	2	36.8
12th	30	4	10.0
6-8	36	5	25.0
9-12	192	40	28.6
Total	228	45	28.1

Table 11: Students' Perception of **Friends'** Disapproval of Use of **Alcohol**

Grade Level	N of Valid	N of Miss	Wrong or Very Wrong
7th	9	2	33.3
8th	26	4	26.9
9th	83	22	41.0
10th	44	9	27.3
11th	38	2	31.6
12th	30	4	20.0
6-8	35	6	28.6
9-12	195	37	32.8
Total	230	43	32.2

Table 12: Students' Perception of **Friends'** Disapproval of Use of **Marijuana**

Grade Level	N of Valid	N of Miss	Wrong or Very Wrong
7th	8	3	37.5
8th	27	3	22.2
9th	81	24	35.8
10th	44	9	38.6
11th	38	2	31.6
12th	31	3	19.4
6-8	35	6	25.7
9-12	194	38	33.0
Total	229	44	31.9

6 Age of First Use

The question *At what age did you first use...* is used to measure this statistic. The possible responses to this question range from *8 or Under* to *17 or Older*. The table shows the age range that represents the average category score for this question of those students who answered the question with a response other than *Never Used*.

Table 13: When did you first use any **tobacco**?

Grade Level	N of Valid	N of Miss	Avg Age
7th	9	2	11.556
8th	25	5	12.000
9th	82	23	12.341
10th	40	13	11.975
11th	24	16	13.042
12th	26	8	11.577
6-8	34	7	11.882
9-12	172	60	12.238
Total	206	67	12.180

Table 14: When did you first use any **alcohol**?

Grade Level	N of Valid	N of Miss	Avg Age
7th	7	4	11.286
8th	19	11	12.263
9th	73	32	12.384
10th	41	12	12.293
11th	29	11	12.655
12th	27	7	12.259
6-8	26	15	12.000
9-12	170	62	12.388
Total	196	77	12.337

Table 15: When did you first use any **marijuana**?

Grade Level	N of Valid	N of Miss	Avg Age
7th	9	2	12.111
8th	19	11	12.421
9th	77	28	12.688
10th	39	14	12.667
11th	23	17	13.391
12th	25	9	12.960
6-8	28	13	12.321
9-12	164	68	12.823
Total	192	81	12.750

7 Students' Perception of Availability

Past analysis of national statistics indicates that as students get older a larger percentage of them tend to perceive tobacco, alcohol and marijuana as *Fairly Easy* or *Very Easy* to get. Your students' responses are detailed in the following tables.

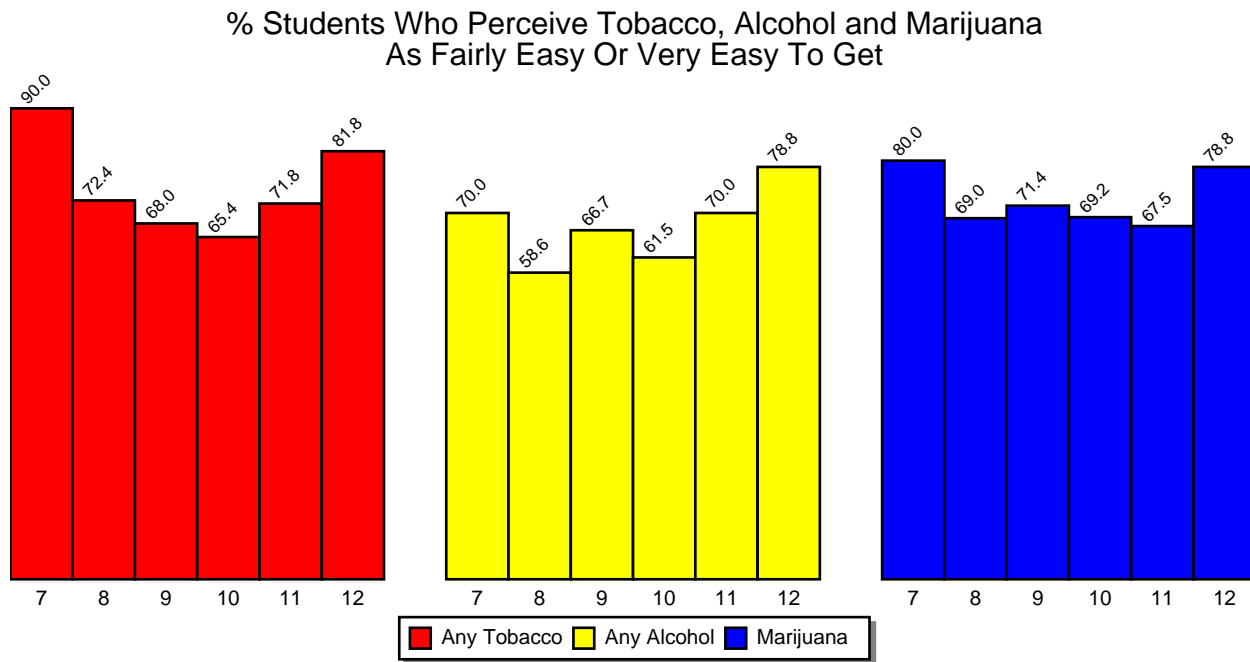


Table 16: Students' Perception of Availability of **Tobacco**

Grade Level	N of Valid	N of Miss	Fairly Easy or Very Easy to Get
7th	10	1	90.0
8th	29	1	72.4
9th	100	5	68.0
10th	52	1	65.4
11th	39	1	71.8
12th	33	1	81.8
6-8	39	2	76.9
9-12	224	8	70.1
Total	263	10	71.1

Table 17: Students' Perception of Availability of **Alcohol**

Grade Level	N of Valid	N of Miss	Fairly Easy or Very Easy to Get
7th	10	1	70.0
8th	29	1	58.6
9th	99	6	66.7
10th	52	1	61.5
11th	40	0	70.0
12th	33	1	78.8
6-8	39	2	61.5
9-12	224	8	67.9
Total	263	10	66.9

Table 18: Students' Perception of Availability of **Marijuana**

Grade Level	N of Valid	N of Miss	Fairly Easy or Very Easy to Get
7th	10	1	80.0
8th	29	1	69.0
9th	98	7	71.4
10th	52	1	69.2
11th	40	0	67.5
12th	33	1	78.8
6-8	39	2	71.8
9-12	223	9	71.3
Total	262	11	71.4

8 Violence Indicators

Except where noted by an '**', the following table lists the percentage of students who made any positive response to the following questions.

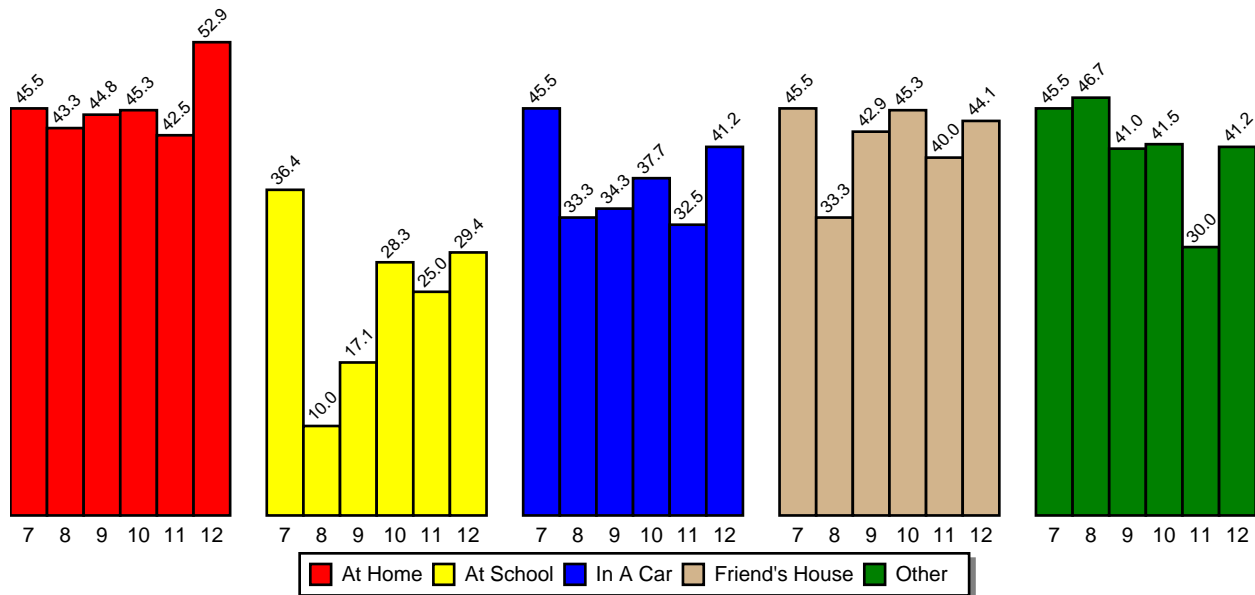
Table 19: Violence Indicators

Violence Indicator	Num	Pct
Get into trouble with police	250	94.3%
Threatened a fellow student	142	54.2%
Participated in gangs	123	46.4%
Being hurt at school	82	31.3%
Being afraid at school	44	17.0%
Thought <i>often</i> or <i>a lot</i> about suicide*	21	7.9%

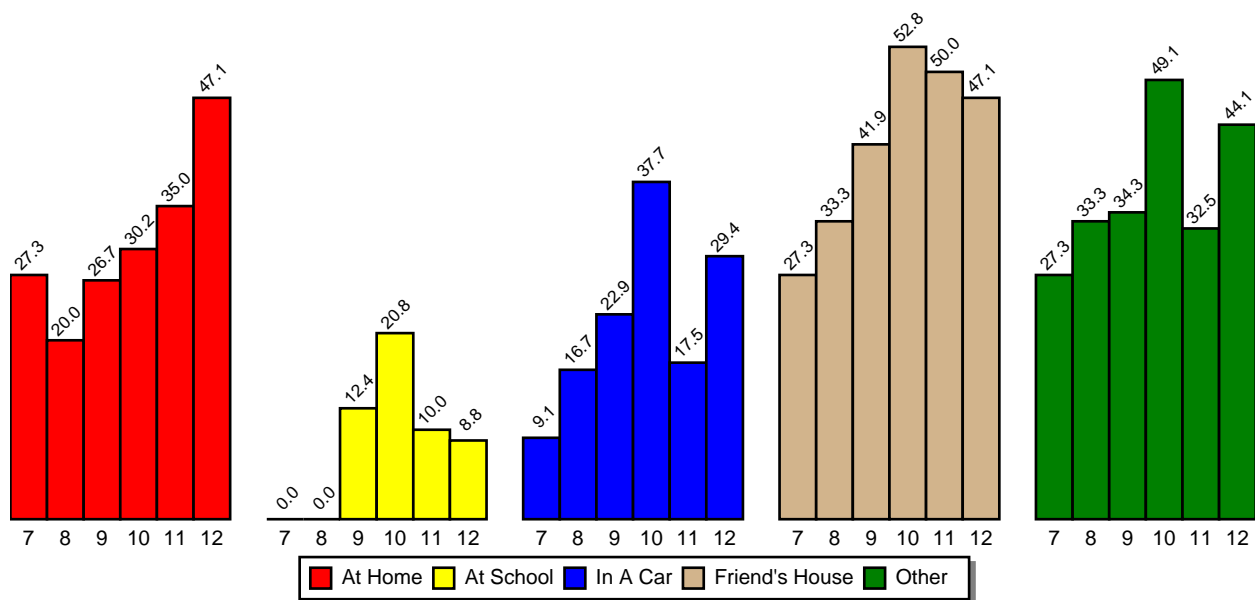
9 Where Students Use

The following graphs show where students report using tobacco, alcohol and marijuana. Past analysis of national statistics show that *At School* is typically the *least* popular place of use.

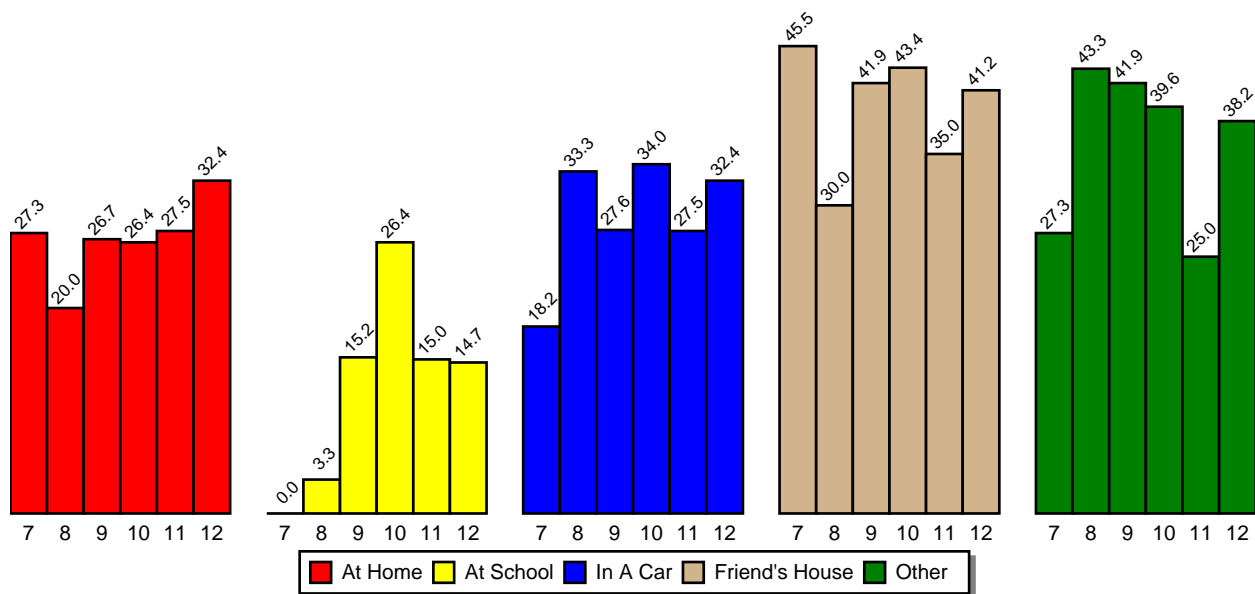
Where Do You Use Any Tobacco



Where Do You Use Any Alcohol



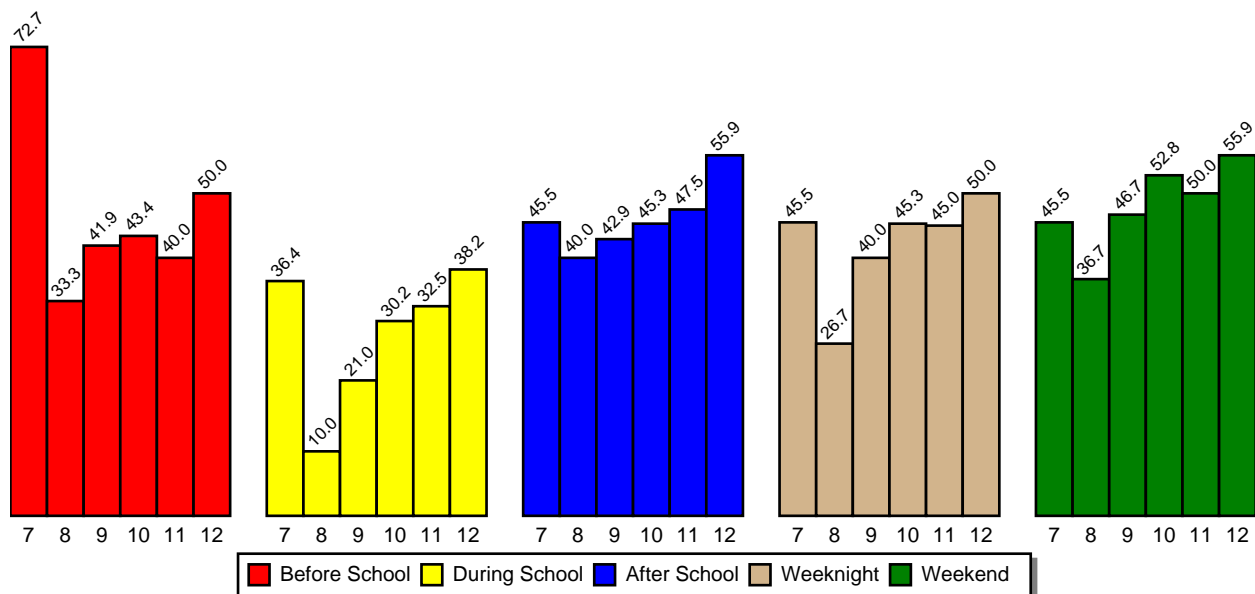
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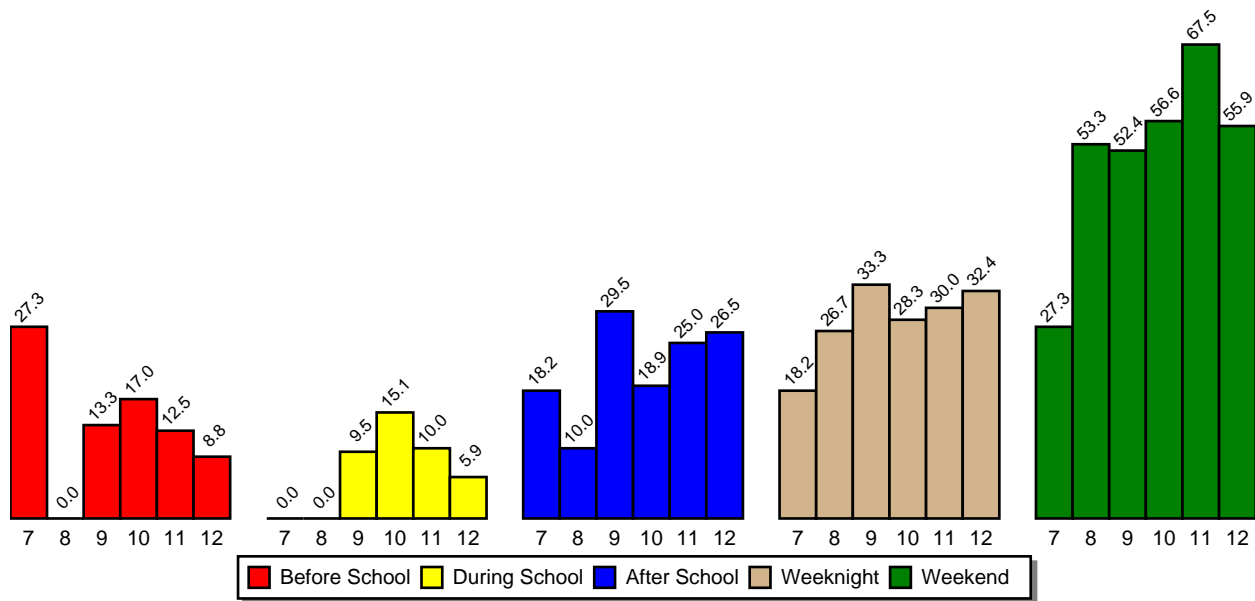
10 When Students Use

The following graphs show when students report using tobacco, alcohol and marijuana. Past analysis of national statistics show that *During School* is typically the *least* popular time of use.

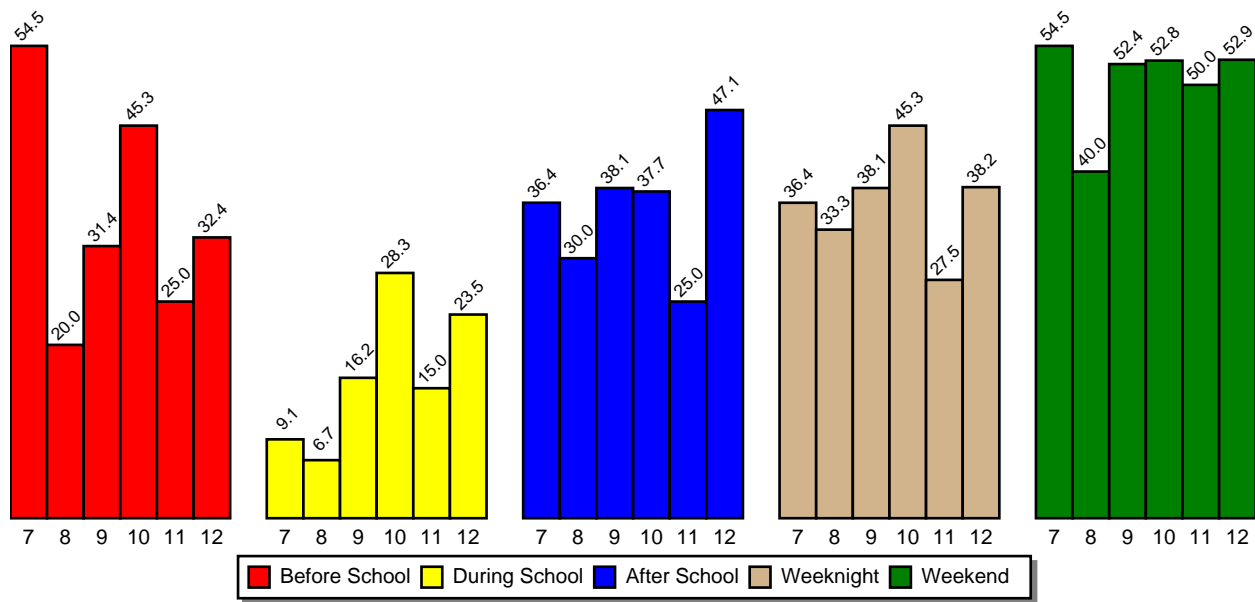
When Do You Use Any Tobacco



When Do You Use Any Alcohol



When Do You Use Marijuana



11 School Safety

The following table lists the percentage of students who responded as *Never* or *Seldom* feeling safe in the following school locations.

Table 20: School Safety

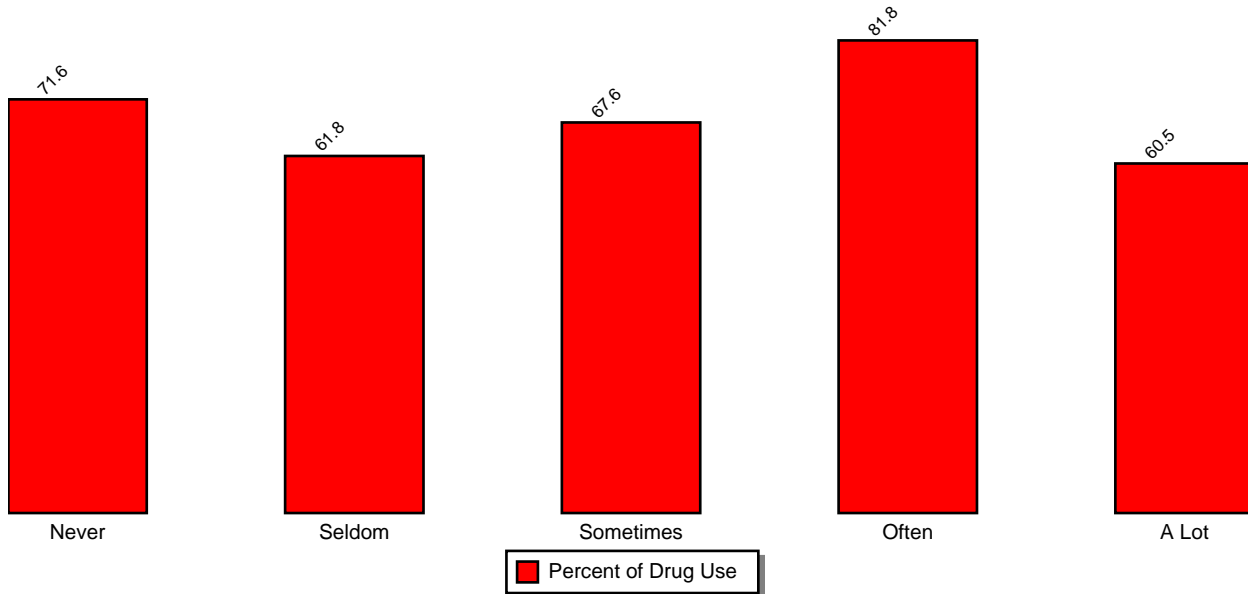
Location	Num	Pct
In the bathroom	101	38.5%
On the playground	100	38.3%
On the school bus	99	37.9%
In the cafeteria (lunchroom)	96	36.6%
In the parking lot	94	36.2%
In the halls	92	35.1%
At school events (ballgames, etc.)	90	34.5%
In the gym	89	33.8%
In the classroom	80	30.7%

*Pct represents percent who responded *Never* or *Seldom*

12 Risk and Protective Factors

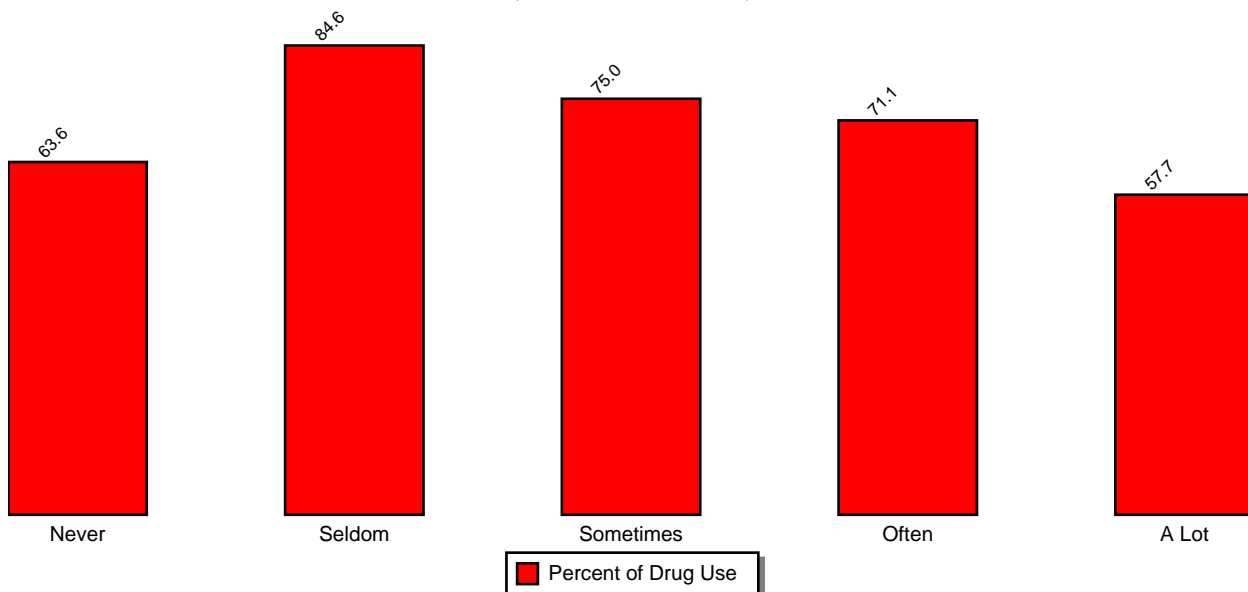
The following graphs on illicit drug use by risk & protective factors show for each category (Never, Seldom, Sometimes, Often, A Lot) of a risk or protective factor question the percentage of students who report using illicit drugs. For example, on the question of taking part in school activities, if the bar labeled NEVER was 40%, this means that OF those students who responded NEVER to taking part in school activities, 40% reported using an illicit drug.

% Students Who Use Illicit Drugs by Take Part in School Activities
(School Protective Factor)



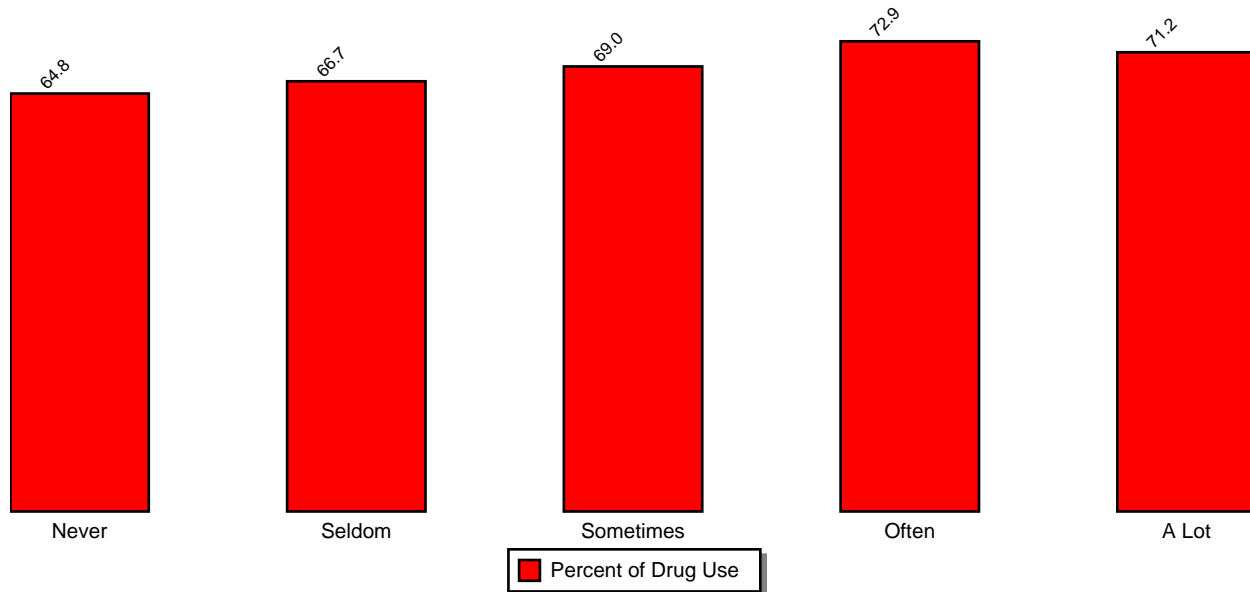
Source: Pride Surveys -- For the group of students who responded NEVER to this question, 71.6% reported using illicit drugs, for A LOT, 60.5% reported using illicit drugs

% Students Who Use Illicit Drugs by Make Good Grades
(School Protective Factor)



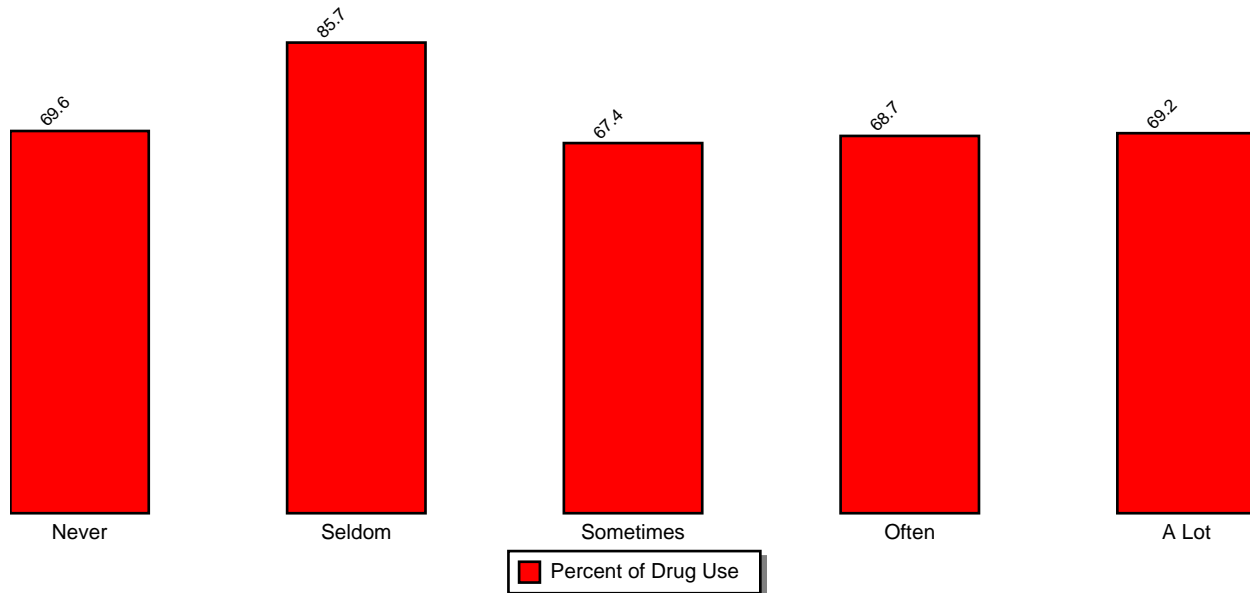
Source: Pride Surveys -- For the group of students who responded NEVER to this question, 63.6% reported using illicit drugs, for A LOT, 57.7% reported using illicit drugs

% Students Who Use Illicit Drugs by Parents Talk About Dangers of Drugs (Parent Protective Factor)



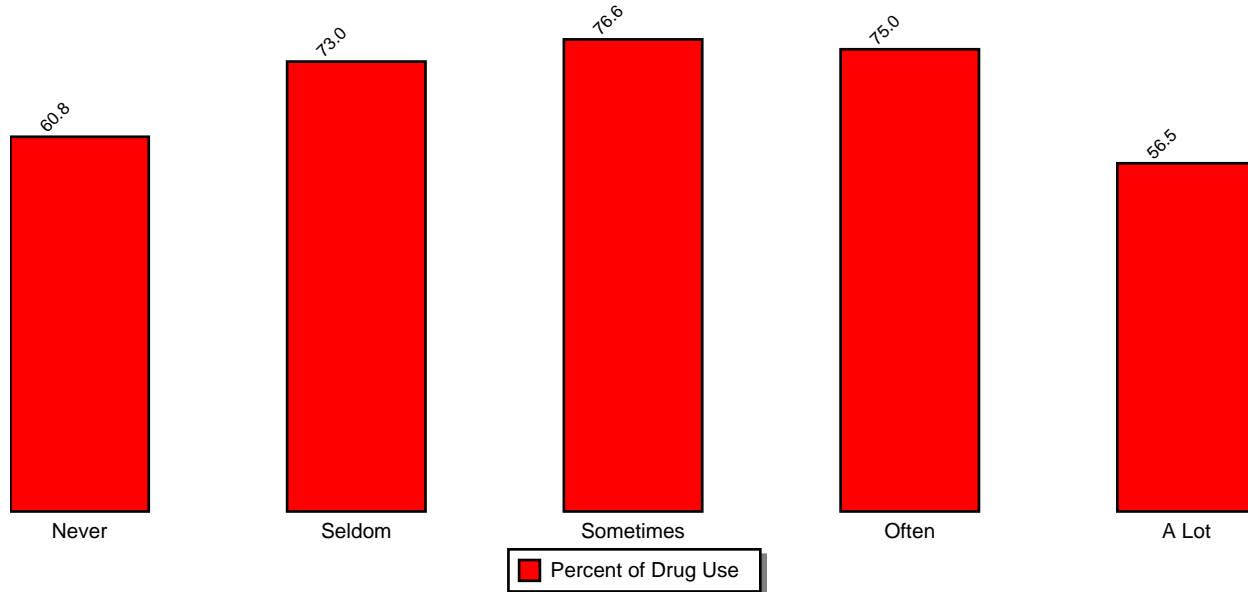
Source: Pride Surveys -- For the group of students who responded NEVER to this question, 64.8% reported using illicit drugs, for A LOT, 71.2% reported using illicit drugs

% Students Who Use Illicit Drugs by Parents Set Clear Rules (Parent Protective Factor)

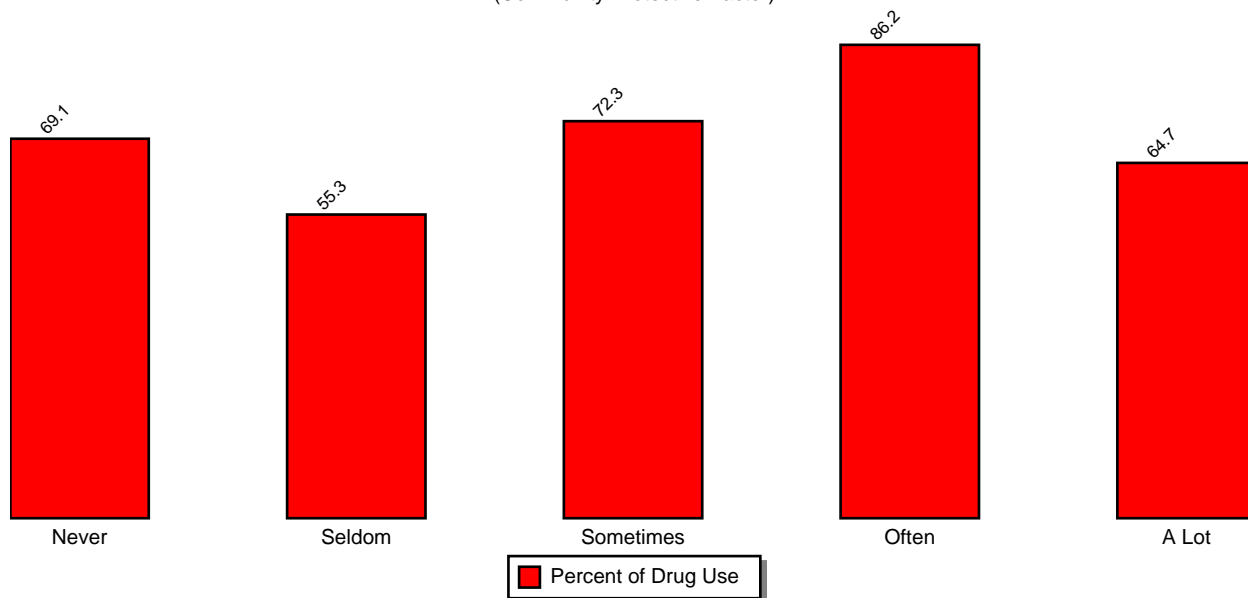


Source: Pride Surveys -- For the group of students who responded NEVER to this question, 69.6% reported using illicit drugs, for A LOT, 69.2% reported using illicit drugs

% Students Who Use Illicit Drugs by Attend Church, Synagogue, etc. (Community Protective Factor)



% Students Who Use Illicit Drugs by Take Part in Community Activities (Community Protective Factor)



13 The Pride Surveys Questionnaire

Since 1982, the Pride Surveys Questionnaire has been used by schools in 49 of the 50 states and several foreign countries to gather data on student tobacco, alcohol and illicit drug use and related behaviors. A decade ago we added questions on violence to explore the relationship between students who used various drugs and their violence. We now archive more than 8 million completed questionnaires, making the Pride Surveys database on student drug use and

violence the largest in the world.

Other Pride Surveys that we hope you will consider for your assessment and evaluation needs are: Faculty and Staff, Parents, and Grade 4-6. Copies of the questionnaires are available on the Pride Surveys web site www.pridesurveys.com and can be downloaded or you can call 1-800-279-6361 and we will send you copies for review.

14 Why Schools Use Pride Surveys

The following are some of the reasons school systems use Pride Surveys:

Used by more than 8,000 school systems. For more than two decade, schools across the nation have used the Pride Survey to identify student levels of drug use, violence, and related behaviors.

Designated by Federal Law as a measure of illicit drug use by youth. This law can be reviewed in Congressional Record, October 19, 1998, Page H11228. (see www.pridesurveys.com)

40-50 minutes to administer. School time is an important consideration. The survey can be administered during a portion of only one class period.

Evaluates most prevention goals and objectives. Changes in student behavior can be measured over time, allowing an individual school, system, or state to measure most of their goals and objectives.

Helps write winning grants. Schools can match their data against the Pride Surveys national database to indicate need for grant monies, or to indicate success in their drug education programs.

Meets most of the needs of evaluation required by the U.S. Department of Education as expressed in NCLB legislation – Principles of Effectiveness. The requirement for information on: the incidence and prevalence, age of onset, perception of health risk, and perception of social disapproval of drug use and violence by youth in schools and communities. Drug use and these related behaviors are available through the use of the Pride Survey.

Also, the legislation, under the Uniform Management Information and Reporting System (UMIRS) part (C) COMPI- LATION OF STATISTICS: states the collected data shall include incident reports by school officials, anonymous student surveys, and anonymous teacher surveys. The Pride Questionnaire for Faculty & Staff and Faculty and Staff Survey reports for the past year, can be reviewed on our web site.

Allows multi-year comparisons of your data. The data is archived for 10 or more years and through our computer software the data can be compared over multiple years of administrations. The multi-year analysis allows a school, system, or state, to track the changes in data over extended periods of time by sex, race, age, grade, and many other variables.

Data belong to the customer. Local data will not be released without written permission from the customer (school official). Pride Surveys will use data to build a national sample of data for an annual release to the public. The individual school or state data is not identified in the release.

Report includes 120+ pages of tables, charts, and reports. With software developed by Pride Surveys, we create tables, charts and special reports on variables of special concern to schools and administrators. (Ex. One graph shows drug use to occur most often on the weekend when schools are not in session.)

Anonymous, voluntary, protects pupil confidentiality. By following the instruction sheet for administering the questionnaire, the students confidentiality will be protected.

Recognized by National News Media. On our website you will find print media from the Pride Survey and a press release following the Jonesboro, Arkansas shooting at a local Jr. High school.

Independent evaluators used for instrument and methodology evaluation. Independent evaluators were utilized to test for reliability and validity of the Pride Questionnaire. A copy of this evaluation can be obtained from www.pridesurveys.com under the validity hyperlink.

National database for White, African American, and Hispanic students. The only national database that is available on African American and Hispanic students. Comparison of behaviors between races may be compared to the Pride national database.

Lie detection system built into survey. When answers to questions are indicating that the student is not being honest the software will eliminate the questionnaire. Ex. If the student marks getting high when—, and then denies use of drugs, computer programs will eliminate the questionnaire from the data set.

Protection from negative or blaming reports of school administrators and teachers for student drug use. Often we hear, *"what are we going to do about the schools' drug problem"*, this statement needs to be followed with Pride Survey data which indicates drug use is more likely to occur *"at home"* than *"at school"* and drug use occurs most often on *"weekends"* and *"at night"* when school is not in session. Teachers are more likely to teach students about the harmful effects of drugs/alcohol than are parents. All students do not use drugs. This information will be available to schools that choose Pride Surveys for data collection.

**Remember to visit our website @ www.pridesurveys.com
or give us a call @ 1-800-279-6361**